

The Kingston Trio

"Tijuana Jail"

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Artists: The Kingston Trio (peak Billboard position # 12 in 1959)

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(hoot of exultation)

We went one day about a month ago (a-ha-ha)

To have a little fu-un (a-ha) Mexico

We ended up in a gambling spot (oh yeah) a-ha-ha

Where the liquor flow-owed and the dice were hot

So here we a-are in the Tijuana Jail

Ain't got no frie-ends to go our bail

So here we'll sta-ay 'cause we can't pa-a-a-a-ay

Just send our ma-ail to the Tijuana Jail

I was shootin' dice, rakin' in the dough (long green)

And then I hea-ard the whistle blow

We started to run when a man in blue

Said "señor, come with me 'cause I want you."

So here we a-are in the Tijuana Jail

Ain't got no frie-ends to go our bail

So here we'll sta-ay 'cause we can't pay

Just send our mail to the Tijuana Jail (shout)

Just five hundred dollars and they'll set us free
(shouted excitement)

I couldn't raise a penny if ya threatened me

I know five "hunderd" don't sound like much

But just try to find somebody to touch

So here we are in the Tijuana Jail

Ain't got no frie-ends to go our bail

So here we'll sta-ay 'cause we can't pay

Just send our mai-il to the Tijuana Jail

So here we a-are in the Tijuana Ja-a-a-a-il

Ain't got no frie-eh-ends to go our bail

So here we'll sta-ay 'cause we can't pa-ay

Just send our mai-il to the Tijuana Jail

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